

PEOPLE'S SHARE IN WORK OF COURT

Proper Criticism of Acts of Judges Has Wholesome Effect, Taft Declares.

CORDIALLY GREETED BY PEOPLE OF BATH

Republican Candidate Assists at Opening of Court and Dedication of New Building at Germantown—Enjoyed Ride Over Fine Mountain Roads.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., July 20.—Judge William H. Taft assisted in the opening of court and in the dedication of a courthouse at Germantown, Va., five miles from Hot Springs, today. The subject of his speech was the administration of justice by the courts. He was cordially greeted by a large gathering of sojourners at neighboring resorts and by hundreds of country folk, many of whom traveled far to see and hear him.

Strength of Judiciary.

The strength of the judiciary, Judge Taft declared, is based on the fact that it rests upon the principle that the people share in the responsibility for the work of the courts in the form of duty on juries and in other capacities. He justified proper criticism of the courts by the people because such criticism is necessary to administer justice to feel that they are under the observing eye of men and women entitled to have justice administered without fear or favor.

He could not come into the atmosphere of the court, he said, without a feeling of deep regret that he had ever left the bench. He concluded his remarks by congratulating Bath county upon the fact that in it the two great political parties are nearly equally divided, which condition, he said, is a guarantee against evils in the administration of the government. Judge Taft was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. Boardman, his companion, his husband to the courthouse and enjoyed the drive over the splendid mountain roads.

The candidate was presented to the assembly by J. A. Revercomb, a member of the Board of Supervisors of the county. Introducing Judge Taft, Mr. Revercomb spoke of his wide and varied experience in public life, and concluding, said:

A Word As to Salaries.

"I don't like to introduce a joint discussion just at this time," said Judge Taft, opening his remarks, "and I venture to say that the last statement of the distinguished gentlemen might not receive unanimous concurrence. But I think that it is not here this morning to talk politics. I appreciate most the hospitality of Virginia and of Bath county in inviting me, a stranger with your gates, to come and take part in this interesting conference."

"We are here to-day for a function—the dedication of what is certainly a beautiful courthouse. I am reminded as I look at this courthouse of a letter which Mr. Justice Jackson, of the Supreme Court, wrote to Seneca, then the chairman of the Judiciary Committee with reference to the salaries of the judges. Said he: 'My dear Senator, as I go about from city to city and come into these great beautiful Federal courthouses, I think that the policy of the United States government may be described as erecting magnificent temples to justice and starving the high priests.'

Blessing of Free Government.

"This scene to-day to any one who looks at it in comparison with other countries suggests the blessing of free government. Those who have had any experience with other countries will realize that in many of them a government means to the people an institution entirely different from themselves, something in a sense antagonistic to them. In such cases the people are not free. There is a sense of responsibility as to what is done by the government, such as we have here, that is not found in other countries. Such desire to help government, is illustrated in every meeting of this kind, the country over. It comes from the belief that we, the people, are the government, and in courts of justice it is increased by the fact that the people take part in the administration of justice, that they are called upon by the jury, that they are part of the tribunal that decides the issue of fact, that the people are represented by the sheriff to enforce the law and make it effective to carry out the decrees of justice. As long as the people feel that these are their courts, that this is their justice, that when they are in the courtroom they are in justice, they ought to be ashamed for it, and they are responsible for it, we can count on a continuance of the present system."

But when the people lose interest in the administration of justice, and do not have that sense of responsibility that ought to prompt every man on a jury to feel that in deciding equally between the prisoner at the bar and the State, that he is not only a man, but a citizen of the State, and will be seriously injured by injustice to the State, as long as that continues, there is no count on a repudiation of our system.

Proper Criticism.

"The administration of justice in the country, perhaps, better illustrates what I have said than the principle of it. I have said that, because, if I understand the practice, it is for the benefit of the people to have on our court day to watch the proceeding, to learn the law as it is delivered from the bench, to take an interest in the issues as they are presented to the jury of their neighbors, to criticize as they have the right to in a proper way, the rulings of the judge, that we, the jury, so that those who are administering justice feel that they are under the critical eye of the people, and may say to themselves, 'I have the justice of the people administered without fear or favor.'

NO TRACE OF MURDERER

Public, However, Expects Early Arrests in Case of Hazel Drew.

TROY, N. Y., July 20.—There is still no trace of the murderer Hazel Drew, whose body was found in Teal's Pond, about twelve miles from this city, on July 11th, and as far as reliable clues are concerned, the affair is as completely shrouded in mystery as the early stage of the investigation. The work of the police is being very patiently given to the tragedy by the press and a thoroughly aroused public interest is centered in tracing the girl to the vicinity of Teal's Pond in the early evening of July 7th, and that was the last seen of her alive. Despite the attendance of the office that no arrests will be made at present, the public is hourly anticipating developments. It is believed by many that the authorities are playing a waiting game and endeavoring to lure the suspects and unsuspecting persons to the end that they may talk more freely. The suicide theory, secured prominence again today. It is argued that Hazel Drew was suffering from insanity, and that, added to the fact that she was out of employment, led her to throw herself into the lake, her head striking against a rock, and thus causing which the doctors say resulted in death before the body reached the water.

District Attorney O'Brien this afternoon stated that, had it not been for the finding of the physicians who conducted the autopsy, he would have been willing to have accepted the suicide theory. He went a little further, and said that he had no doubt that the autopsy had forced him to accept the murder view.

Albany was visited to-day for clues, but without avail.

THE PRINCE NEARING QUEBEC

His Ship in Wireless Touch, But He Will Not Land Until Wednesday.

QUEBEC, July 20.—The British battleship, the Prince of Wales, having been in wireless touch with the British authorities, has entered the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and is now in the harbor of Quebec. She sailed last Tuesday, and has made a fast voyage, averaging, and making a fast voyage, the record time for a battleship passage. The landing of the Prince of Wales is expected to take place on Wednesday, and the indomitable will probably slow down now, so as not to be ahead of the arranged plan of ceremonies.

The arrival of the United States battleship, the USS Oregon, at Quebec today increases the international display in the harbor to ten battleships. They are anchored in columns of twos, and the political parties are nearly equally divided, which condition, he said, is a guarantee against evils in the administration of the government. Judge Taft was frequently interrupted by applause. Mr. Boardman, his companion, his husband to the courthouse and enjoyed the drive over the splendid mountain roads.

LEADERS IN CONFERENCE

Wyoming Managers in Western States Talk Over Situation.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 20.—The leaders of the conference of Republican leaders, with Chairman Frank Hitchcock, of the national committee, opened at 2 o'clock to-day and continued until nearly dark. The members of the national committee and the chairman of the state central committees of the Republican States and Territories, addressed the assembly, and explained State conditions.

Mr. Hitchcock addressed his co-workers at the opening of the conference, and explained that he had brought them together to broaden their views and to secure co-operation of efforts. After that, all of the men present talked about conditions in their States and Territories. Mr. Hitchcock, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming declared that their States could be carried for Taft and Sherman, but at the same time insisted that the campaign should be broadened to include the greatest vigor, the enthusiasm extending to Oklahoma and Texas and to the Territories.

Mr. Hitchcock, National Committee Chairman, and State Chairman, urged that the fight in that State be not ignored. They said that the campaign should be made there a close race could be run with the Democrats with some prospect of success.

Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton Dead

Prominent Baptist Minister, and Long Resident of North Carolina.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 20.—Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton, pastor of the Baptist Church, died at his home in Atlanta, Ga., at 10 o'clock to-day, after a long illness of two weeks.

Dr. Wharton, who was the author of several books, was a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was one of the ablest men in the South. He was born in Orange County, Va., April 5, 1839. During the Civil War he was chief clerk to Major A. M. Barbour, chief quartermaster of General Joseph E. Johnston. Dr. Wharton held many pastorates in the South, being at different times located in Baltimore, Louisville, Ky., Augusta, Ga., Norfolk, Va., and Bristol, Va.

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Miss Eberhard Gives Graphic Account of How She Was Shot At in Dark.

HER MOTHER KILLED, SHE BECAME TARGET

Her Cousin, August Eberhard, Whom She Was to Marry, Missing Since That Fateful Night and Authorities Search in Vain for Him.

May Be Eberhard.

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STEAM PIPE BURST

Five Men Scalded, But Not Seriously Hurt on Kearsarge.

HONOLULU, July 20.—Boat races, basketball and other sports to-day and to-morrow will be marred by the accident which occurred on the Kearsarge, a steamship of the Hawaiian Islands, which was damaged by a burst steam pipe. The ship was en route to Australia, and was carrying a large number of passengers and crew.

COULD NOT PASS SHIP

Torpedo Flotilla Does Clever Work, and Forces Enemy to Go Back.

NORFOLK, Va., July 20.—The mimic warfare game began in earnest to-day, when the torpedo flotilla, commanded by Lieutenant W. V. Mitchell, and manned by State reserve marines, attempted and signally failed to pass the torpedo flotilla, which was commanded by the same officer. The game was played on the James River, and the torpedo flotilla was composed of several small boats, each carrying a torpedo.

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NO TIME TO RAISE RATES

Chairman Fink, of Norfolk and Western, Opposes Advance or Cut in Wages.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Chairman Fink, of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in denying to-day a report that the road was making an effort to have its rates raised, said that the wages, placed himself on record as opposed at this time either to a reduction in wages or an advance in freight rates.

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